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Here application of:

Robert S. Chau et al.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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a verified statement previously submitted.A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is
enclosed.

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SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Additional Fee
x9	\$
x42	\$
+140	\$
Total Add. Fee	\$

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Rate	Additional Fee
x18	\$ 0
x84	\$ 0
+280	\$
Total Add. Fee	\$ 0

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_____ Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of _____ month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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